

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 10 to read as follows:

In conventional four-wheel drive vehicles, in turning a corner of a small turning radius at low or middle seedspeed in a four-wheel drive mode, there is caused a difference in wheel speed between front and rear wheels which is attributed to a difference in turning radius between the front and rear wheels, resulting in the occurrence of the tight corner braking phenomenon.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 and bridging page 9 to read as follows:

As will be described later on, the rear differential 12 includes a pair of planetary gear sets and a pair of electromagnetic actuators adapted for controlling the application of multi-plate brake mechanisms, respectively, and left and right rear wheels are driven by power transmitted to left and right rear wheel drive axles 24, 26 by controlling the electromagnetic actuators.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 25 and bridging page 12 to read as follows:

The planetary carrier 78 has a shaft 82, and a small-diameter pinion gear (a first pinion gear) 84 and a large-diameter pinion gear (a second pinion gear) 86 which are both integrally formed around the shaft 82 are rotatably mounted on the planetary carrier 78.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 4 to read as follows:

Referring to Fig. 12, a cross-sectional view taken along the line 12-12 in Fig. 3 is shown. The axially protruding portions 116a of the clutch piston 116 are inserted ~~into~~in between the clutch plates 114 and the clutch guide 104.